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REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES ON ITS THIRD SESSION, HELD IN RECIFE FROM 15 TO 26 NOVEMBER 1999

Addendum

PART TWO: ACTION TAKEN BY THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES AT ITS THIRD SESSION

Corrigendum

Decision 6/COP.3, page 30, should read

Procedure for the review of the implementation of the Convention

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling its decisions 10/COP.1 and 10/COP.2 on the review of the implementation of the Convention,

Recalling also article 22, paragraph 2(a), (b) and (c), as well as articles 24 and 26 of the Convention,

1. *Welcomes* the remarkable number and quality of reports submitted by the affected African country Parties and the efforts made by the secretariat in producing a compilation and synthesis of the reports on the implementation of the Convention by affected African country Parties;

2. *Takes note* of the organization of panel discussions on the consideration of national reports on the implementation of the Convention by affected African country Parties;

3. *Decides* to establish an ad hoc working group to review and analyse in depth, at the fourth session, reports submitted at its third session and reports which will be submitted at its fourth session in order to draw conclusions and propose concrete recommendations on further steps in the implementation of the Convention;

4. *Recalls* that reports by Parties, together with advice and information provided by the Committee on Science and Technology and the Global Mechanism consistent with their respective mandates and such other reports as the Conference of the Parties may call for, shall constitute the basis of the review of the implementation by the Conference of the Parties, and therefore invites the Committee on Science and Technology and the Global Mechanism to provide advice and information to be used for the review of the implementation of the Convention at its fourth session;

5. *Invites* Parties and other interested institutions and organizations, including non-governmental organizations, to submit written proposals and suggestions on the need for the establishment of a committee to review the implementation of the Convention no later than 30 April 2000, to be compiled, summarized and circulated by the secretariat in order to further develop the existing review system and to facilitate consideration, and take a decision at its fourth session and, if necessary, at its fifth session;

6. *Requests* the Executive Secretary of the Convention to make all necessary arrangements for the above-mentioned ad hoc working group to fulfil its mandate and to meet at the fourth session.

12th plenary
26 November 1999